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SUBJECT: JDL Activities

1. New York police report 65 persons arrested since Dec. 1969 repeat 1969 in connection with demonstrations at Soviet UN Mission. In same period, 20 NY policemen injured in protecting SMUN.

2. Police have been asked to compile figures on arrests and police injuries in incidents at other Soviet offices in NY. Unofficial information of Dept. and USUN is that in same period, 35-40 persons arrested for incidents at those offices and one NY policeman injured in unsuccessful attempt bar intruders from Aeroflot/Intourist offices Dec. 30.

3. Embassy should note that SMUN arrest figures include not only violent protesters of JDL type, but also peaceful demonstrators who violated police

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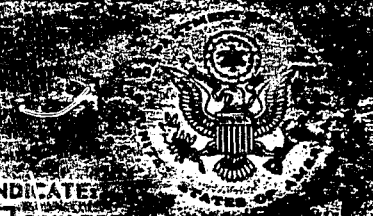
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barricades blocking off 67th Street during tensions of last few weeks. Police have been requested specify number of JDL arrests.

4. No known JDL arrests for anti-Soviet activities in Washington, where JDL apparently has little local support, although ten JDL members from NY arrested for protest against Pompidou Washington visit in Feb. 1970.

When JDL members from NY and Phila. staged August 1970 "march" on Washington to protest Soviet treatment Jews, excellent protection afforded by EPS and Metropolitan Police kept marchers beyond two blocks of Embassy while en route to demonstration in Lafayette Park.

5. Eight non-JDL Jewish youths arrested for breaking into TASS Washington office Nov. 20, where they handcuffed themselves to furniture but caused no injuries or damage. Demonstrations near Sov Emb protesting Leningrad verdict occurred on virtually daily basis, but remained peaceful. At least 15 demonstrators.

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1. ~~nonetheless~~ arrested for violation of local 500-foot statute

6. In replying to Soviet demonstrators Embassy may at its discretion

refer to fact that major U.S. Jewish organizations have condemned

JDL. Most recently, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith released

statement on Jan. 4 condemning JDL violence for giving Soviets ex-

cuse for their protest. Statement, as quoted in NY Times Jan. 6

continued:

"We find the Jewish Defense League's paramilitary operations and sensationalist appeal to raw emotion an embarrassment, a potential danger and completely outside the Jewish tradition... Their rampaging activities in connection with American protest of the Leningrad trials served to confuse the responsible, heartfelt and prayerful response of American Jewry."

7. Embassy may also wish to draw on fact that in noon briefing Jan. 5,

during which TASS release of Soviet protest and retaliation threat

was major preoccupation of press corps. Dept. spokesman McCloskey

referred on background to Israeli Prime Minister Meir's Nov. 27

denunciation of violent anti-Soviet attacks in NY (State 202500)

8. Additional information on arrests and police injuries will be

cabled as received

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